GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TAMPERING OF RECORDS IN ARMS LICENCE OFFICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the a tampering of records in the Arms Licence Office as reported in 'Nav Bharat Times' dated January 16, 2007;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of Licences bearing the all India seal and for which record is available and the number of Counterfeit ones withheld;

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the number of persons whose licence validity has been extended to cover all India level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. The said news item was published on 16.06.2007 and not on 16.01.2007.

(b): An FIR u/s 420/467/468/471/380/120-B/201 IPC, was registered at Police Station Defence Colony, New Delhi, which is under investigation.

(c) to (e): As per information obtained from Deputy Commissioner (Licensing), New Delhi, 33285 number of valid Arms Licences exist as on 25.01.2008. Out of these, 14676 licences are having all India validity. 123 arms licences have been withheld till date. A Departmental enquiry have been initiated by the office of the Deputy Commissioner (Licensing), New Delhi.